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9. [] Talked to Senator Milton Young who told me that none of the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee were inclined to believe the testimony of Haldeman and Ehrlichman who had made a poor impression during their appearances. Young said that he thought the Agency had thus far come through all the hearings in excellent shape.

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10. [] Talked to Senator Strom Thurmond and told him of our concern over Senator Symington's apparent desire to publish all the transcripts and related material on the Watergate matter. I said it was true that many of the items contained therein had leaked in one form or another, but we still felt that a lot of this material was mischievous and embarrassing to the national image, even though not necessarily vital to national security, and it would be unfortunate for it to be published with the sanction and authority of a Senate committee. Thurmond agreed.

Thurmond said he thought CIA had come through the hearings very well.

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Also discussed with Thurmond a matter involving [] and a member of the Senator's staff. See Memo for Record.

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11. [] Delivered Volumes I and II of "Documentation Provided by CIA" dated 1 June 1973 to: Innis E. McDonald, for Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services; Mrs. S. Gilbert, for Ralph Preston, House Appropriations; and Jane McMullen, for Arnold Smith, Senate Appropriations.

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12. [] Representative Lee Hamilton's (D., Ind.) office called and requested that the briefing of Hamilton on those matters that he requested in his letter to the Director dated 9 May be given on Wednesday, 6 June, at 11:00 a.m. (George Carver, SAVA, will conduct the briefing.) Later in the morning Erik Rasmussen, Legislative Assistant to Representative Hamilton, called. He apologized that his office had called and made arrangements for a briefing. He stated that Hamilton strongly preferred that this matter be handled by a letter from the Agency and not by a briefing. I confirmed to him our prior discussion (see Journal of 29 May) and that I would check again and let him know. ✓

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